

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still;
 teach the righteous, and they will gain in learning.* (Proverbs 9:9)

Like all people, Christians need to have the goal of lifelong learning. Of always deepening our understanding of God, of God’s love, and of God’s work in our world.

Every Lutheran church is expected to “Nurture its members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love, to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of their Christian calling, and to use the gifts of the Spirit for their life together and for their calling in the world.”

That’s why I’m excited about our All-Ages Education Time, which is beginning in March. We don’t have enough kids to offer a traditional Sunday school, and all of us will benefit from learning about or being reminded of the basics of our faith and worship.

We will be operating like a one-room schoolhouse—presenting subjects in the simplest way possible while also exploring them in some depth. While offering our youngest members the wisdom you have gained in life, you might also learn a few things from them! Please make plans to stay after worship each Sunday for, first, a time of fellowship, and then a time of learning together.

Another opportunity to support one another and learn from one another will be in our gatherings to discuss of a short book entitled “The ABCs of Healthy Grieving.” Come to one of our first meetings on Tuesdays at 2pm, to get your own copy of the book. Each week,

we’ll read a few sections of the book on our own and then meet for conversation. Those who have recently experienced loss and those who experienced loss years ago and decades ago will benefit from being a part of this group.

You’ll also “learn a thing or two” at our Wednesday gatherings for “Grace and Games”—even if it’s just the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. Bring snacks or drinks to share and enjoy an afternoon of card games and board games in the downtown fellowship hall. We start at 1pm.

A few people have volunteered to host small group gatherings in their homes. If I can find one or two more, we’ll be able to offer these opportunities for fellowship before the end of the month. Meeting in a quiet coffee shop, restaurant, or bar is another option.

Holy Week begins on March 29 with Palm Sunday worship at the Meadowlawn campus; it will be your opportunity to bring in a “noisy offering” of the coins you collected while following our Lent Calendar of Blessings and Awareness. Plan, as well, to attend our Maundy Thursday Passover Seder at Meadowlawn and our observance of Good Friday downtown.

My prayer is that all of these opportunities for learning and fellowship will draw us closer together as a community of faith.

Your brother in Christ,
 - Pr. Paul

As we spring forward into a new season, may we also step into the fresh grace God provides each day. Though we may have lost an hour of sleep, we gain time together in His presence—a reminder that His mercies are new every morning.

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The King No One Expected



Sometimes we speak—or even shout—the truth without realizing just how right we are. That’s exactly what happened on the first Palm Sunday.

Jesus entered Jerusalem not on a prize-worthy stallion, but on a young, humble donkey. The crowd erupted in joy, shouting, “*Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!*” They waved palm branches, symbols of peace, and hailed Jesus as their king.

Was He a king? Jesus didn’t deny it. When the Pharisees told him to silence the crowd, he replied, “*I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.*”

Later, Pilate—the Roman governor—mocked the religious leaders by saying, “*Here is your king.*” The chief priests bristled with anger, shouting, “*We have no king but Caesar!*”

When Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified, he made one last jab at the furious crowd. John 19:19 tells us he ordered a sign to be placed above the cross. Written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, it declared:

“Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

The chief priests demanded the sign be changed, but Pilate refused. “*What I have written, I have written,*” he said.

Was Jesus a king? The witnesses of His resurrection knew the answer. In Acts 17:7, the early believers were accused of “saying there is another king, Jesus.” And the book of Revelation looks ahead to the day when all creation will know the truth:

“The Lamb will triumph ... for He is Lord of lords and King of kings.”

— Revelation 17:14

The Choice to Be Human

Both Adam and Jesus faced the same temptation—the lure to “be like God.” Adam reached for divinity and stepped over the line, bringing sin and separation into the world. Jesus, however, chose humility. He remained obedient, fully human, and through His obedience brought redemption to all.

Adam’s choice turned humanity into a burden; Jesus’ faithfulness made humanity a blessing. The irony is striking: the one who tried to be God failed even to live as a man, while the one who was content to be human became known as the Son of God.

As Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV) reminds us, “[Christ Jesus], being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross.” May we follow His example in humility and obedience.

When Life Needs a Little Wind

Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves.

Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them. A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life and health, success, and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances.

—Jane Truax



How Great Thou Art

“How Great Thou Art” is a Christian hymn based on a Swedish hymn entitled “O Store Gud” written in 1885 by Swedish poet and minister Carl Boberg.

The English version of the hymn and its title are a loose translation from 1949 by English missionary Stuart K. Hine. The hymn was popularized by George Beverly Shea and Cliff Barrows during Billy Graham’s crusades. It was voted one of the British public’s favorite hymn by BBC’s Songs of Praise. “How Great Thou Art” was ranked second (after “Amazing Grace”).

Origin

Boberg wrote the poem “O Store Gud” (“O Great God”) with nine stanzas. It was first published in 1886.

Inspiration

The inspiration for the poem came when Boberg was walking home from church near Kronobäck, Sweden, and listening to church bells. A sudden storm got Boberg’s



attention, and then just as suddenly as it had made its appearance, it subsided to a peaceful calm, which Boberg observed over Mönsterås Bay.

According to J. Irving Erickson: Carl Boberg and some friends were returning home to Mönsterås from Kronobäck, where they had participated in an afternoon service.

Presently, a thundercloud appeared on the horizon, and soon lightning flashed across the sky. Strong winds swept over the meadows and billowing fields of grain. The thunder pealed in loud claps. Then rain came in cool, fresh showers. In a little while, the storm was over, and a rainbow appeared. When Boberg arrived home, he opened the window and saw the bay of Mönsterås like a mirror before him... From the woods on the other side of the bay, he heard the song of a thrush... the church bells were tolling in the quiet evening. It was this series of sights, sounds, and experiences that inspired the writing of the song.

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
Thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout
The universe displayed!

Chorus

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!

Verse 2

When thru the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze,

Chorus

Verse 3

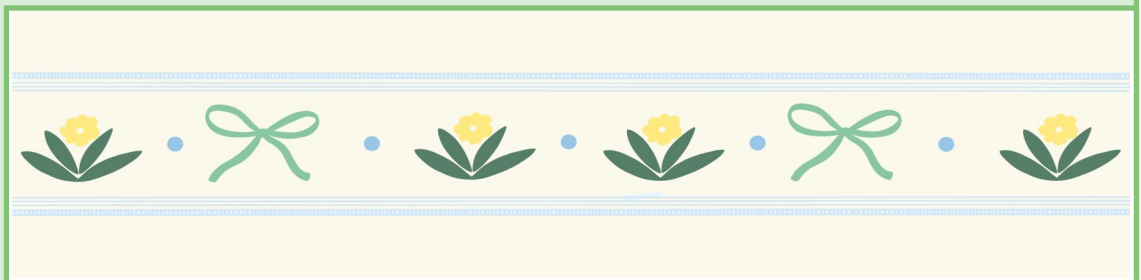
And when I think
That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in -
That on the cross,
My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died

To take away my sin!

Chorus

Verse 4

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim,



Lessons From A Little Voice

A woman invited several guests over for dinner. When everyone gathered around the table, she turned to her 6-year-old daughter and asked, “Would you like to say the blessing?”

“I don’t know what to say,” the little girl replied.

Her mother smiled. “Just say what you hear Mommy say.”

The child bowed her head and prayed sincerely, “Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?”



Our new council has had their first meeting and will be meeting again on March 10th. In accordance with our constitution, the following items have been posted on the bulletin boards at both properties:

1. the meeting minutes from the previous council meeting.
Please note: These are the *preliminary* minutes from the meeting, which are *still to be reviewed* and approved by the council at the start of the next scheduled meeting.
2. the agenda for the next upcoming council meeting.
Council meetings are open to all members of the congregation.
The purpose of posting the agenda for the upcoming meeting is to allow congregants to be informed as to the topics that will be covered — so that anyone with an interest in those items has an opportunity to attend.

- Terri Craig
Church Council President

LSF Baskets of Love Campaign

Now through May 31st, we are supporting LSF's Baskets of Love campaign! Purchase items and bring them to either church location — or support their efforts by making an online donation or by purchasing items from their amazon wish list. (Visit their website. QR Code below)



DELIVERING HOPE TO STRUGGLING FAMILIES
ENDS May 31st



DONATE ITEMS

Help build a Basket of Love (containing Diapers, Baby products, Pack N Play, Car Seat, etc.) and deliver hope to LSF's drop-off location or visit the web page for the online Wishlist for preselected items.

DONATE FUNDS

Show your support by donating online. Funds will be used to purchase items that are most in need by the supported programs.

Benefits struggling mothers, foster parents and at-risk children

This Spring, help build stronger families, keep children safe in their homes, and support those who enter foster care. Building a Basket of Love is more than filling a laundry bin with needed items, it fills hearts with hope. Join with us to make a difference for those who are in need of God's healing, hope and help!

LSF reserves the right to distribute donations according to the needs and priorities of its programs, locations and beneficiaries. Your generous contributions are deeply appreciated and will be utilized to the best of our ability to support our initiatives and serve those in need. Thank you for your understanding and support.

I Believe...

I believe in the God of fruit time and harvest who makes the land to bear gifts in its time and fills our tables with the bounty of his hand;

I believe in Jesus Christ his Son, who was the first fruit of those that slept, and brings us to spiritual tables where our cups are always full;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who causes us to remember all for which we are grateful and teaches us to see a relationship between our gifts and the giver;

I believe in the world as the arena of my spiritual life, where I am to share hospitality with the stranger; for in so doing I shall fulfill the desires of him who has given me everything, and of his Son and the Holy Spirit.

—John Killinger in *Lost in Wonder, Love & Praise*

Church Property Resource Hub

You are invited to learn more about the Church Property Resource Hub, a new project of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), at one of three upcoming town halls. These webinars are an introduction to the project for congregations and all people connected to the management of church property. Join to explore support available to congregation leaders as they seek to steward property in faithful and practical ways.

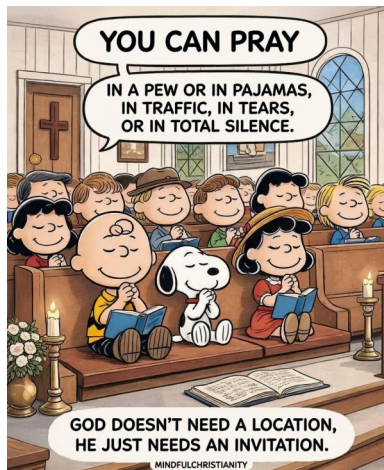
- Tuesday, March 17, 2 p.m.
- Thursday, March 19, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 24, 2 p.m.

Developed in response to requests from synod and congregational leaders, the Church Property Resource Hub offers support in navigating the opportunities and challenges that buildings and land represent for congregational vitality and the wider mission of the church.

Lord, teach me to love in action today.

“Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth”

(1 John 3:18, NIV)



The Love God Desires

God’s love is never meant to stop with us; it’s meant to flow through us. When we love others, we reflect his very heart. As 1 John 4:12 (NIV) reminds us, “If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”

This is the true mark of a Christian — love that reaches beyond comfort zones, opinions and differences. Jesus said in John 13:35 (NIV), “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

The world is watching, not to see how loudly we profess our faith but how deeply we practice it. Every act of compassion, every gentle word and every moment of grace reveals something divine — God’s love at work in us. The more we give that love away, the more it grows within us, mirroring the heart of Christ, who gave Himself for all.

So ask yourself: Does the world recognize you as his disciple by the way you love?

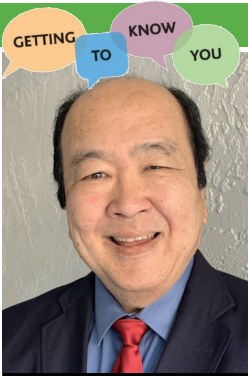


WheelMove Wheelchair Attachment:

A Portable wheelchair attachment that turns any standard wheelchair into an electric one. A portable attachment allows users independence though this battery-powered, remote controlled attachment. Simply attached to the front of any standard wheelchair the device lifts the wheelchair’s smaller front wheels off the ground. Once attached, the rider controls the movement with a basic remote control. The attachment weighs under 20 lbs that includes its 10” wheel, 250 watt motor and a battery that goes about 15 miles. Naturally, carrying an additional battery(s) can extend the range before needing to be recharged.

Made in France it’s expected to be available in the US later this year at around \$6000.





Ross Kimura

Ross Kimura has spent more than 50 years using music as a way to serve the Lord and encourage others in their faith. Born in Hawaii and raised in New York, he began studying piano at just five years old. As a young musician, he was blessed with remarkable opportunities to study in London, Milan, and Paris, learning from master teachers such as Nadia Boulanger, Rosina Lhevinne, Michelangelo Benedetti, Vladimir Horowitz, and (vocal) Carlo Bergonzi. Through these experiences, God shaped his musical gifts and a heart for excellence in worship.

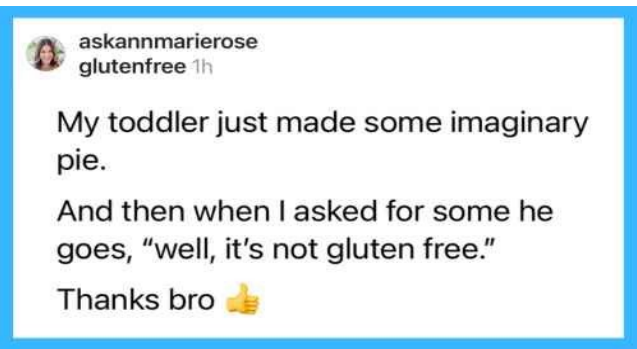
His early childhood experiences of learning and observing rehearsal, workshops, and Broadway productions with Richard Rogers, Oscar Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe, and Jule Styne are the heart of his love for musical theater. As a child, he also attended summer actor classes for children with Lee Strasberg.

He earned his Bachelor of Music degree in Piano, Voice, and Biblical Studies from Biola University and a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance from the University of Arizona with equivalent minors in Voice, Music Theory, and Orchestration. He also has an honorary Doctorate in Ministry. Ross feels very fortunate to have performed internationally and worked with distinguished artists, but he finds his greatest joy is in leading worship, directing choirs, and mentoring students.

Ross has served as Piano Chairman, Music Theory Chairman, Vocal and Choral Instructor at the college and university level. He has performed at concerts in the US, Europe, and Asia as a pianist, vocalist, speaker at seminaries and schools in South Korea, and Choral Conductor for the German Gospel Choir from 15 cities in Southern Germany.

Ross trained and conducted music for several musicals at Clearwater Central Catholic High School (12 years) as Music Director, instructing students in IB Music, Musical Theater, and Group instruction in piano; Clearwater High School and Seminole High School (Pinellas County) has been a part of these schools as Music Director (Theater) in major District Competitions as well as state performances at the Thespian State Competitions from 2001-2018. Ross has been for 12 years as one of the Assistant Music Directors, Vocal Faculty, and rehearsal accompanists for the Broadway Theater Project 1 for College and Professional students at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He has had a student on the 50th Anniversary National tour as one of the leading roles in "Jesus Christ Superstar," along with Andrew Lloyd Weber as writer and composer.

He had students on American Idol Rising Stars shows and has been a recording artist under major recording producers and songwriters in Nashville, New York, and California.




Be Like Bert



Today's To Do List:

1. SMILE
2. Don't sweat the small stuff
3. Think POSITIVE
4. INSPIRE
5. LOVE
6. BE GRATEFUL
7. BE HAPPY

Bible Quiz



In Bible times, shepherds spent most of their days with their sheep—guiding them to food and water and guarding them from danger. When a sheep was injured, the shepherd treated the wound with a special liquid. What was it?

- A. Water
- B. Honey
- C. A Salt Solution
- D. Olive oil

Answer: D (See Psalm 23:5, ESV)

Christian Symbol:



ROOSTER — The rooster reminds us of Peter's threefold denial of Jesus on the night of his trial (Matt 26:34). Because of this, it often symbolizes human weakness and faithlessness—especially when faith is tested. Yet, the rooster also calls to mind watchfulness. Its early-morning crowing echoes Jesus' words about being alert for his return: "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn." (Mark 13:35).



Date	Loc	Time	Lector	Communion Assistant(s)	Flower Sponsor	Dedication
03/01/26	DT	11:00 AM	Linda Gascon	Frances Guido, Aimée Fox	Roy Pringle	In Gratitude
03/08/26	DT	11:00 AM	Marty Snapp	Phil Rearick, Ruth Kinsey	Pat Shipley	IHO Don Shipley's B-day
03/15/26	ML	11:00 AM	Terri Craig	Marty Snapp, Gary Bartelt	Phil Rearick	IMO Annemarie Rearick
03/22/26	ML	11:00 AM	Phil Rearick	Violet Prepost, Margarita Rodriguez		
03/29/26	ML	11:00 AM	Betty Herzhauser	Suzanne Bohning, Linda Gascon	F. Guido	For the glory of God

Birthdays

03/11 Bob Skidmore

Anniversaries

03/18 Karen & John Potts

03/26 Vickie & Bob Skidmore

Other Observances

03/06 World Day of Prayer

03/08 Daylight saving time begins

03/17 St. Patrick's Day

03/20 First day of spring

03/29 Palm/Pasion Sunday

We Have Tomorrow!

During the Korean conflict, journalist Marguerite Higgins, a courageous and award-winning war correspondent, spoke with a young soldier shivering in the bitter cold. He was eating from a tin can, his face streaked with mud, when she asked, "If I could give you anything in the world you wanted, what would you ask for?"

The soldier paused for a moment, then answered quietly, "Give me tomorrow."

What a simple yet profound longing. For those living in hardship, tomorrow represents hope—the chance to see another sunrise, to experience peace, to begin again.

As Christians, we live with the blessed assurance that we not only have today, but also tomorrow—an eternal tomorrow promised through the risen Christ. Scripture reminds us, "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Cor. 15:54, NRSV). And again, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57, NRSV).

Because of Christ's resurrection, we no longer fear what tomorrow may bring. Our future is secure, our hope unshaken. In Him, tomorrow is already ours.

HOLY WEEK worship schedule

- Palm Sunday will be at Meadowlawn — 11am.
- Maundy Thursday will be a seder-style supper at Meadowlawn — 6 pm.
- Good Friday service will be Downtown — 12pm (noon).
- Easter Sunday: Sunrise service at Meadowlawn — 8am and our regular service Downtown — 11am.



Faith That Blooms Anew

"Why are you anxious?" asked our Lord. Then He said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Matthew 6:28–29, NIV)

Jesus' words remind us that just as God clothes the lilies of the field in beauty and splendor, he also provides faithfully for his people. The same Creator who tends to the flowers of spring cares for every detail of our lives.

People of faith come to see that truth unfold year after year — in the budding trees, the soft blossoms, and the steady return of color after winter's gray. God's reliability is woven into creation itself.

As poet Adeline Whitney once wrote:

*God does not send strange flowers every year,
When the Spring wind blows o'er the pleasant places,
The same dear things lift up the same fair faces,
The violet is here.*

Each spring, those familiar blooms whisper the same promise: God is faithful still.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Color Codes for events:

- Downtown Campus
- Meadowlawn Campus
- Other (online, etc.)

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